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THE SILVER REEF

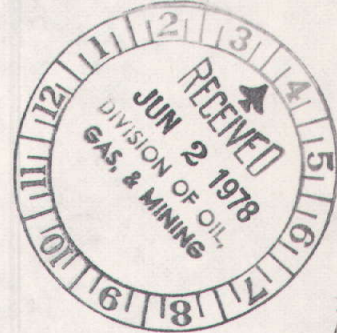
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May 25, 1978

Mr. Bryan Buck
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116



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Dear Mr. Buck:

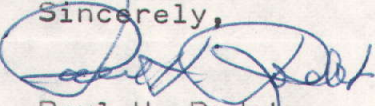
I appreciated talking with you by telephone on May 23, and the information you gave me regarding the mining plan already submitted by the 5M Corporation for the Silver Reef area. We understand your office is studying the plan now for possible approval. The residents of Silver Reef would like you to be aware of the following detrimental factors involved in this plan. There may be other such factors of a more technical nature:

1. The area will be heavily impacted. The White Reef could be destroyed as well as other historic areas.
- this must be addressed* 2. There is a large residential area of very fine homes adjacent to the area to be mined.
- should be reclaimed in future* 3. Already hills are being destroyed along with all vegetation with its accompanying wildlife.
4. Property values will drop for all Silver Reef residents. This is private property which would be directly able to view the total destruction of the neighboring land.
- State history must respect* 5. The workers, trucks, and other equipment for mining are very destructive. All the old ruins, mills, mines, artifacts, Indian diggings are being destroyed now, and as the operation moves on more such things will also be destroyed. This is a state historic area in addition to being an area of fine homes.
6. We wish to preserve the White Reef and all of its historic value. Residents do not wish to be adjacent to a large mining operation.
- should check w/ sec. map* 7. The blasting has been very noticeable and will worsen. Walls of homes could be cracked and other damage done as blasting comes nearer.
- State history* 8. There are two old cemeteries on this land which should certainly be preserved.
9. Residents are proud of where we live and do all we can to preserve the natural beauty and add to it. We like the wildlife, the cactus, and the beautiful White Reef to say nothing of our red hills and wildflowers. We also value the history of Silver Reef.
- need documentation on Harrison/5M development* 10. This type of people working so close to our homes is not appreciated. As the mining operation spreads and more workers are brought in the safety factor for our property and ourselves will be greatly reduced.

I have not seen SM's proposed mining plan as filed with your office, but I would certainly like to present these items for your consideration before your final decision is made. I am sure you will be receiving communications from other residents of Silver Reef in addition to those whose signatures are below.

Perhaps you or someone else from your office would like to visit this area and acquaint yourselves with its beauty and value, and with the residents and their homes and desires to live in privacy and surrounded by the rural atmosphere we now enjoy so much.

Sincerely,


Paul H. Rodet

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Donald C. Helman

Loyal L. Frandsen

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Kenneth S. Frandsen

Margalyn Helman